Employment Laws and Regulations - Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What is the Annual Regulatory Plan?

Answer: The Regulatory Plan is published as part of the fall edition of the Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions. The Plan identifies regulatory priorities and contains information about the most important significant regulatory actions that agencies expect to take in the coming year. The Regulatory Plan can be found online at DASHBOARD - REGINFO.GOV. Executive Order 12866 “Regulatory Planning and Review” and Office of Management and Budget memoranda implementing section 4 of that order specify the types of information that agencies include in their regulatory plans.

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Question: What is the Unified Semi-Annual Regulatory Agenda?

Answer: The Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions is a semiannual compilation of information about regulations under development by federal agencies, published in the spring and fall. The activities included in the Agenda are generally those that will have a regulatory action within the next six to 12 months. The Unified Agenda can be found online at DASHBOARD - REGINFO.GOV.

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Question: I have an employment-related question. Can you help me?

Answer: Yes. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) developed the following tools to ensure that America's employers and workers have access to clear and accurate information on employment-related issues:

DOL's website provides access to a wide range of services and employment and regulatory information and can be browsed by topic, audience, top 20 requested items, form, agencies and programs, and location.

The elaws Advisors (Employment Laws Assistance for Workers and Small Businesses) are online interactive tools that help individuals understand federal employment laws.

Employer.gov provides information about the responsibilities of job creators toward their workers and answers common questions, with information organized by topic.

Worker.gov provides information about workers' rights and common workplace concerns, with information organized by topic.

DOL's Toll-Free Information Service (1-866-4-USA-DOL; TTY: 1-877-889-5627) is a central access point to information on DOL employment rules and issues. DOL's E-Mail Response Service allows employees to ask questions about employment and regulatory issues electronically by choosing among a list of topics or internal DOL agencies.

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